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2<sup>ND</sup> INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT  
ACCORDING TO 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)

APPLICANT: TORSTEN NIEDERDRÄNK, et al. CASE NO.: P03,0625  
SERIAL NO.: 10/772,700 GROUP ART UNIT: 2643  
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INVENTION: **"DEVICE AND METHOD FOR COMMUNICATION OF HEARING AIDS"**

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Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.98, Applicant respectfully requests that a citation and examination of the references identified on the attached PTO 1449 form be made during the course of examination of the above-identified application for United States Patent.

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## REMARKS

The attached PTO 1449 form lists related art references for the above identified application.

AA	US 4,920,570	4/24/1990	West et al.
AL	35 27 112 A1	1/29/1987	Germany
AM	WO 00/00001	1/6/2000	PCT
AN	WO 02/07479	1/24/2002	PCT

## EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE

References AA and AL-AN were all cited in a corresponding European Patent Office Action dated June 9, 2004. References AA and AN are in English, so no further commentary on their teaching is required. References AL-AM are German-language patent documents. An English-language Derwent Abstract has been provided for these references, and a full translation will be produced at the request of the Examiner.

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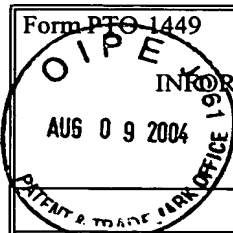
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